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Docket No. 0010-1108-0 CONT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yoko ASAKURA et al.

GAU: 1652

SERIAL NO: 09/577,005

EXAMINER: DELIA M. RAMIREZ

FILED: MAY 25, 2000

FOR: METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS, AND METHOD OF PREPARING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTED AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a **THREE MONTH** extension of time be granted to **JUNE 14, 2002** for

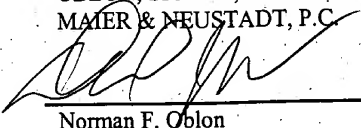
- ☒ filing a response to the Official Action dated: **DECEMBER 14, 2001**
- ☐ responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- ☐ filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- ☐ responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- ☐ filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
- ☐ filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.
- ☒ A Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) is concurrently being filed herewith.

The required fee of \$920.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. **15-0030**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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